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FOREWORD

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This program was initiated to determine the effect of fuel additives on filter-separator performance and to develop a small-scale test method that can be used in the specification testing of corrosion inhibitors.

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ABSTRACT

The effects of fuel corrosion inhibitors on the coalescing performance of filter-separators were evaluated using a small 1.3 gpm test loop. These tests showed that corrosion inhibitors presently qualified to MIL-I-25017 differed significantly in their deleterious effects on coalescence when tested using Wright-Patterson AFB tap water as the free water contaminant.

Single element tests using DoD standard filter-coalescer elements and a 20 gpm test loop showed: (1) filtration performance is affected by the type of solid contaminant used, the type and quantity of corrosion inhibitor, and the brand of filter-coalescer element used; and (2) coalescence performance can be significantly affected by the purity of free water (i.e., dissolved solids) when the fuel contains a corrosion inhibitor and fuel system icing inhibitor.

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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

Fuel serviced to aircraft must be clean and free of water. Solid contaminants in fuel can cause rapid wear and malfunction of fuel system components and other critical engine parts. Free water in the fuel, i.e., undissolved water, can freeze and plug filters, cause fuel control malfunctions, and can result in engine flameouts. Free water in the aircraft fuel tanks can also accelerate corrosion and promote the growth of micro-organisms.

For approximately 20 years the Air Force has relied primarily upon filter-separators to remove solids and free water contaminants from jet fuels prior to servicing aircraft. To remove free (undissolved) water and solids from fuels, filter-separators use two types of elements. The fuel first passes through the filter-coalescer element which removes solid particulate matter by depth filtration. This element also coalesces free water; i.e., small water droplets suspended in the influent fuel are joined together into larger water drops, most of which are subsequently separated from the fuel by gravity.

The second element type is the water separator element (or canister). This element consists of a hydrophobic (water repelling) membrane. Water drops which remain suspended in the fuel following the filter-coalescer element are stripped from the fuel provided the drops are larger than the membrane pores. However, if the filter-coalescer element malfunctions and allows many small drops of water to reach the water separator element, the water may coat the water separator element until differential pressure builds up to the point where the water is forced through the hydrophobic membrane.

Filter-coalescer elements are expendable and must be replaced periodically. Water separator elements may be either "permanent" or "expendable" construction. The permanent elements are often called canisters and usually are fabricated of Teflon-coated metal screen.

Currently, filter-separators are qualified to Specification MIL-F-8901B which specifies the general requirements and test procedures for filter-separators. All filter-separators procured by the Air Force within the past five years use filter-coalescer elements which conform to Specification MIL-F-52308. These are the DoD Standard Elements and conform to specific dimensions for standardization purposes but their performance is specified by MIL-F-8901.

Specification MIL-F-8901 requires qualification tests for all approved elements. Only one of the tests required by MIL-F-8901 uses a jet fuel containing corrosion inhibitor additives. Yet all JP-4 fuel procured for the Air Force contains corrosion inhibitors (conforming to MIL-I-25017) and the fuel system icing inhibitor (FSII) conforming to MIL-I-27686. Presently there are eleven approved corrosion inhibitors which may be added to JP-4 fuel. Previous work (References 1 and 2) has shown that corrosion inhibitors can degrade filter-separator performance but there are insufficient controls to prevent this from happening.

Thus, the purpose of this program was twofold: (1) to determine the effect of current corrosion inhibitors on the performance of existing filter-separators, and (2) to evaluate test procedure variables.

SECTION II

DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT

1. TEST EQUIPMENT

a. 20 Gallon Per Minute Test Loop

The 20 gpm test loop was designed and constructed by Southwest Research Institute for the Air Force and is thoroughly described in References 3, 4, and 5. For this series of tests, however, the following modifications have been made: (1) installation of a Potter turbine flow meter with strip chart recorder for continuously recording the fuel flow rates; (2) the use of a small 5 gpm centrifugal pump to disperse free water added to the fuel as a test contaminant; and (3) changing the sump drain on the test housing from under the element to the side of the housing so that possible vortexing in the sump would be prevented.

b. 1.3 Gallon Per Minute Test Loop

A small 1.3 gpm loop was designed and constructed to allow a rapid screening of fuel additives and their effects on the water coalescing performance of filter-separators. This loop was needed as the 20 gpm loop was designed primarily for recirculatory type tests and an additional fuel trailer would be required to provide additional fuel storage capacity when conducting one-pass tests. See Figure 1 for a schematic diagram of the 1.3 gpm test loop. This loop used a small filter-coalescer element. This element is simply a 2-inch segment of a standard DoD element (MIL-F-52308) that meets the requirements of MIL-F-8901B. This particular element was selected because of its availability and it was believed to be representative of filter-coalescer elements currently in use. Although the element is one-tenth the length of the DoD element, the end caps reduce the effective filter area to about 6.5% of that of a regular element. As the rated flow of the DoD element is 20 gpm, the 2-inch segment was rated at 1.3 gpm (0.065 X 20 gpm). A photograph of this element is shown in Figure 2.

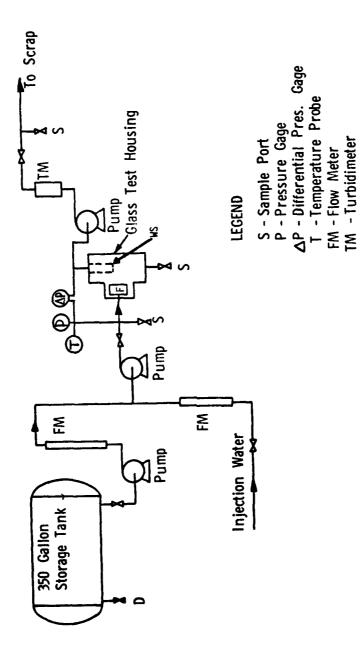


Figure 1. Schematic Diagram of the 1.3 GPM Test Loop

F - Filter-Coalescer Element WS - Water Separator Element

D - Drain

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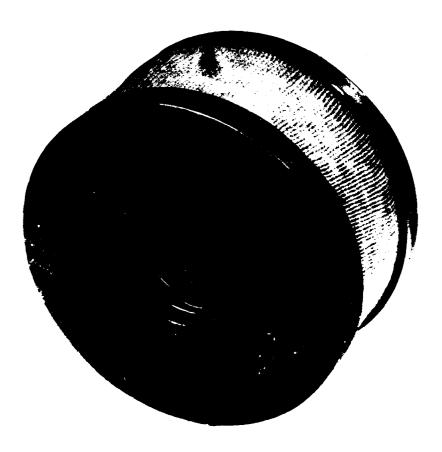


Figure 2. Photograph of the Filter-Separator Element Used in the 1.3 GPM Test Loop

A 6-inch diameter glass tee was used as the filter-separator test vessel for the 1.3 gpm loop. The glass tee gave a visual observation of the filter-coalescer and the water-separator element performance. The glass tee was mounted as shown in Figure 3 with the fuel entering from the side, through the filter-coalescer element, and exiting at the top through the water-separator element. The water-separator element was fabricated of Teflon-coated, metal screen and was obtained from a 10 gpm filter-separator. The bottom leg of the tee served as the water sump and was fitted with a valve so that separated free water could be drained.

The fuel velocities in the glass tee vessel were much lower than are generally found in full-scale filter-separators. This provided a longer residence time for the test fuel and allowed smaller water drops to fall to the sump than would have occurred in a full-scale filter-separator. This, in turn, decreased the load on the water-separator element. Thus, the 1.3 gpm filter-separator was very conservative in design and would not be expected to give as severe a test as a full-scale filter-separator.

The 1.3 gpm loop was designed for one man operation. All controls and gauges are placed so that one man can operate the controls, take samples, and record the pressure and flow data. Figure 4 is a photograph of the control panel and test housing of the 1.3 gpm test loop.

The 1.3 gpm test loop was connected to the 20 gpm loop permitting the use of the clean-up filter separator, clay filter, and the two 600 gallon tanks for water washing and clay treating the fuel prior to use. The 20 gpm loop was also used for corrosion inhibitor blending and for temporary fuel storage. The increased flexibility provided by the 20 gpm loop permitted the use of a baseline test prior to the inhibited fuel test. This was a simple coalescence test using uninhibited fuel to insure that the initial performance of the test filter separator element was satisfactory.

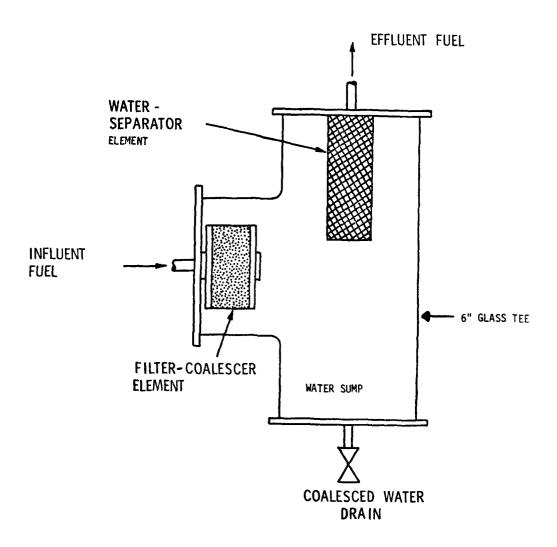


Figure 3. Glass Test Housing for the 1.3 GPM Test Loop

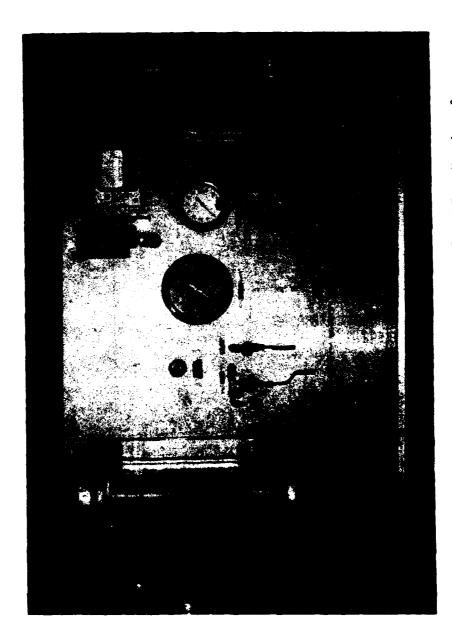


Figure 4. Photograph of the Test Panel and Test Housing of the 1.3 GPM Test Loop

c. Measurement and Laboratory Equipment

A Keene Turbidimeter, Model 861B-2015T, was installed downstream of the test housing in both loops and was used as the primary continuous free water measurement instrument. Since this Turbidimeter measures in Jackson Turbidity Units, it was periodically calibrated to obtain an accurate conversion chart to give the free water content in milligrams per liter. The Turbidimeter is the method used in MIL-F-8901 for determining pass-fail criteria for filter-separator coalescence performance. A failure is a sustained reading of more than 5 ppm of free water for one minute. The free water content was also measured by the fluorescein dyed-pad method using either the Gammon Aqua-Glo Series II or the AEL Free Water Detector. Both the Turbidimeter and the dyed pad methods have some disadvantages. The accuracy of the Turbidimeter is affected by the size of the free water drops and by the air and solids suspended in the fuel; the dyed-pad method is affected by the additives in the fuel. In the 1.3 gpm loop, an attempt was made to insure good dispersion of any free water present by installing a small centrifugal pump (Eastern Model D-11) between the test housing and the Turbidimeter. This substantially increased the Turbidimeter readings and brought them into closer agreement with the Aqua-Glo readings.

For satisfactory filtration performance, MIL-F-8901 requires that the effluent fuel contain no more than 0.5 mg of solids per liter of test fuel, on the average, and no more than 1.0 mg per liter of solids for any one test. This test is run using inhibited test fuel (i.e., fuel containing Hitec E-515 corrosion inhibitor). The effluent fuel is sampled for solids content four times during the test while solids are purposely being added to the test fuel.

All laboratory tests, including the determination for solids content of fuel, the fuel system icing inhibitor (FSII) concentration, water separometer index modified, and interfacial tension measurements were conducted using the methods described in Reference 3.

2. TEST ELEMENTS

The following filter-separator elements were used in this program:

- (1) I-4208, a MIL-F-52308 element manufactured by Velcon Filters, Inc., and qualified to MIL-F-8901A.
- (2) TE-497, a special element supplied by Velcon Filters, Inc., for red iron oxide (R10) removal meeting the size and flow requirements of MIL-F-52308.
- (3) TEO-71, a special over-size element for R10 removal supplied by Velcon Filters, Inc.
- (4) 045800-04, a MIL-F-52308 element manufactured by Bendix Filter Division and qualified to MIL-F-8901A.
- (5) 045800-10, a MIL-F-52308 element manufactured by Bendix Filter Division and qualified to MIL-F-8901B.
- (6) 057032, a special element supplied by Bendix Filter Division for the 1.3 gpm test loop; actually a two inch long section of the 045800-04 element.
- (7) C-2037-3, a MIL-F-52308 element manufactured by Banner Engineering Corporation and qualified to MIL-F-8901B.
- (8) 600343, a MIL-F-52308 element manufactured by the Keene Corporation and qualified to MIL-F-8901B.

SECTION III

TEST FUELS

1. FUEL TYPE

Most tests were conducted with JP-5 fuel meeting the requirements of MIL-T-5624. The test fuel was first purified to remove any existing surfactants. This was accomplished by water washing with two percent water, passing the fuel through filter-separators, and finally clay filtering. If required, 0.15 percent fuel system icing inhibitor was then blended into the fuel along with the required amount of corrosion inhibitor.

Six tests were run with MIL-T-38219 grade JP-7 fuel. There was no pre-treatment of this fuel. In two runs with JP-7, a thermal stability additive, DuPont JFA-5, was added to the fuel.

2. FUEL ADDITIVES

Most of the additives tested in this program were fuel soluble corrosion inhibitors, qualified to Military Specification MIL-I-25017C. Any one of these inhibitors is normally added to all JP-4 turbine engine fuels delivered to the Air Force. Table I lists these inhibitors along with their relative effective, minimum effective, and maximum allowable concentrations. The relative effective is that concentration required to pass the corrosion test of MIL-I-25017, and the minimum effective is the minimum quantity the refiner must add to the fuel. Most of the testing was conducted at the maximum allowable concentration with the concentration being lowered until a pass was obtained.

All the fuels, except on non-additive tests, contained 0.15% fuel system icing inhibitor per MIL-I-27686, which is ethylene glycol monomethyl ether.

TABLE I MIL-I-25017 CORROSION INHIBITORS

Concentrations in Pounds per 1000 Barrels

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Material	Supplier	Relative Effective	Effective Minimum	Maximum Allowable
HITEC E-515 (Santolene C)	Edwin Cooper	5	2/1 /2	16
HITEC E-534 (Santolene CM)	Edwin Cooper	ત્ય	٣	₩
AFA-1	DuPont	n	4 1/2	71
5400 (D-2100)	Nalco	m	4 1/2	12
5401 (D-2101)	Nalco	6	4 1/2	12
PRI-19	Apollo	๙	٣	4
54.1	Lubrizol	N	m	9
Tolad 244	Petrolite	8	4 1/2	9
Toled 245	Petrolite	'n	7 1/2	71
T-60	Conoco	4	9	16
Unicor J	Universal Oil Prod.	α	W	∞
DCI-4A	DuPont	N	<i>m</i>	∞

3. FUEL CONTAMINANTS

To test the performance of filter-separators, known amounts of solid matter and free water are added to the test fuel. The types of solids and the types of water added to the fuel as test contaminants are described below.

a. SOLIDS. Three types of solid contaminants were used in this work: Standard A.C. Coarse Dust, Standard A.C. Fine Dust, and a Coarse Red Iron Oxide (RIO).

The Standard A.C. Coarse Test Dust is the contaminant specified for the inhibited fuel test in MIL-F-8901. It is a siliceous "Arizona road dust" having a particle size distribution of 1 to 200 microns and has been collected and standardized for use in testing air cleaners and filters. It is available from the A.C. Spark Plug Division, General Motors Corporation, Flint, Michigan, and is identified as Part Nr. 1543637. The Fine A.C. Dust, prepared from the coarse by screening out all the particles over 100 microns, is available from the same source.

The Pfizer R-9998 Coarse Red Iron Oxide (RIO) was chosen for some tests in lieu of the Fisher I-116 RIO which is specified in MIL-F-8901. The Fisher I-116 RIO is mostly sub-micronic in particle size and is not believed to be a realistic test contaminant. The Pfizer R-9998 RIO largely consists of particles in the 1 to 10 micron range, and closely approximates the contamination found in pipelines. The R-9998 Red Iron Oxide is available from Pfizer Minerals, Pigments, and Metals Division, Pfizer, Inc., 235 E. 42nd Street, New York, N. Y. 10017.

Complete particle size distributions of these test dusts are given in Table II.

b. INJECTION WATER. Three different waters were added to the test fuel as a test contaminant for filter-separator testing. These were WPAFB, Ohio, tap water; Fort Belvoir, Virginia, tap water; and distilled water.

TABLE II

PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION OF TEST DUSTS

	Standar Test	rd AC Dust (%)	Red Iron	oxide (%)
	Coarse	Fine	<u>R-9998</u>	<u>1-116</u>
Weight % Below 200 µ	100			
80	91	100		
40	61	91		ļ
20	38	73		
15			100	100
10	24	57	99.3	100
7.5			98.3	99.7
5	12	39	84.9	98.9
4			74.5	98.2
3	8	21	25.2	97.9
2	5	11	7.3	97.1
1			5.6	94.1
0.5			4.9	77.7
0.25				47.8
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The WPAFB tap water was used for all tests on the 1.3 gpm loop and on the 20 gpm single element tests through run Nr. 201. This water is genuinely hard water from shallow wells with no treatment except for chlorination to 0.4 ppm by gas injection. This water was classified as Type C hard water and contains about 550 ppm total dissolved solids.

Fort Belvoir tap water was used only for correlation tests at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and not in any loop tests at WPAFB. This water approximates a Type B hard water and has a dissolved solids content of 100 ppm. An analysis of both of these waters is presented in Table III. An analysis of the distilled water was not made.

The type of water contaminant proved to be a major factor in filter test failures rather than specific filter materials or construction.

TABLE III
TAP WATER ANALYSIS

PROPERTY	FT. BELVOIR	W-PAFB
Total Solids, ppm	115	567
pH @ 25°C	7. 0	7.6
Sulfates	Absent	Present
Total Acidity, mg/liter	4.8	6.6
Halogens, mg/liter	0.8	64.6
Total Hardness, mg/liter as CaCO3	54	516
Calcium Hardness, mg/liter as CaCO3	53	241
Magnesium Hardness, mg/liter as Ca∞3	Negligible	275

SECTION IV

TEST PROCEDURES AND RESULTS

1. TEST PROCEDURE 13-A

The first procedure used in the 20 gpm test loop was developed by Southwest Research Institute and designated 13-A (Reference 3). This procedure used a fuel flow rate of 20 gallons per minute with a water injection rate of 0.01% and a solids injection rate of 5.72 grams per minute of A.C. Coarse Test Dust. After a pressure differential (ΔP) across the test element of 20 pounds per square inch was reached, the solids injection was cut off and the water rate was increased to 1.0%. This was held for 15 minutes, then solid injection was restarted until a pressure differential of 40 pounds per square inch was reached. See Table IV for a summary of this procedure. The data obtained using this procedure (See Table V) has limited validity because of the following factors: (a) the fuel was recirculated with only 600 gallons being used which gives a possibility of additive depletion; (b) a significant water injection rate of 1% is not obtained until after a pressure drop across the element of 20 psi is reached; and (c) the effluent fuel solids content is biased as samples for solids analysis are taken with filterseparator differential pressures up to 40 psi, yet in normal use the elements are changed when the pressure differential reaches 20 psi.

One significant item can be derived from these runs using Procedure 13-A; the corrosion inhibitors used in jet fuels reduce the solids capacity of filter-separators significantly. As shown in Table VI, the average solids holding capability of a Velcon I-4208 element was greatly reduced. The addition of 0.15% Fuel System Icing Inhibitor (Ethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether) caused an insignificant decrease in capacity. While the average solids capacity of filter-separator elements is reduced by the fuel additives, the elements still pass the MIL-F-8901 requirement that each element hold a minimum of 200 grams of A.C. Coarse Dust before a pressure drop of 40 psi is reached.

TABLE IV

TEST PROCEDURES USED WITH THE 20 GPM TEST LOOP

This is actually a modified 8901 due to use of R-9998 RIO. Where only the 1st hour is run this implies only the 0-60 min run with 1% water, no solids. See Reference 3 for additional details. See Reference 3 See Reference 3 Remarks 5.72 grams/min 5.72 grams/min 2.86 grams/min Same as 13-A Same as 13-A Solids Injection
Type Solids Injec. Rate
(grams/min) None R-9998 RIO AC Coarse AC Coarse AC Fine R-9998 None Water Injection Rate (Vol. %) 0.0 1.0 7.0 26 26 Solids Same as 13-A except for Solids 20 psi AP + 15 min to 40 psi AP Same as 13-A except for Time (Min) 60-130 or to 40 psi 09-0 Fuel Flow Rate (grm) **B** 20 20 rocedure 13-A 13-<u>1</u> 37 8901

TABLE V

SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS - 20 GPM TEST LOOP

RUN MR.	TEST PROCEDURE	ADDITIVE	CONCENTRATION LB3/1000 BBLS	EL EMENT	SOL ID CONTAMINANTS	MAX H ₀ 0 ppm ²	SOLIDS (MG/L) AVG. MAX.		% SOLIDS HOLDING CAP.
٤	13-A	Santolene C	91	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	-		0.26	117
8	13-A	Santolene C	16	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	. 0	0.12	0.32	120
83	13-A	AFA-1	91	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	-		0.46	149
\$	13-A	AFA-1	2	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	6		88.0	154
902	13-A	JP-7 Fuel	0	I-4208	A. C. Coarse	0		0.09	237
96	13-A	JP-7 Fuel	0	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	0		0.05	251
606	13-A	0-2100	12	I-4208	A. C. Coarse	4		0.21	131
910	13-A	0-2100	12	1-4208	A. C. Coarse			12.0	171
16	13-A	0-2100	12	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	_		0.52	123
916	13-A	PRI-19	15	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	~		0.58	114
917	13-A	PRI-19	- 15	1-4208	ن	m		0.47	103
918	13-A	PRI-19	12	1-4208	نی	e		0.57	103
919	13-A	Tolad 245	8	1-4208	ن	=			121
920	13-A	Tolad 245	20	1-4208	ن			0.87	68
126	13-A	Tolad 245	8	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	e		1.05	96
922	13-A	Lub 541	80	1-4208	ن	۰		7.63	106
923	13-A	Lub 541	80	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	3		0.88	011
954	13-A	Lub SE)	œ	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	2		0.62	6
925	13-A	None	0	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	0		9.0	226
926	13-A	None	_	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	0		0.16	258
927	13-A	None	0	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	0		0.0	237
928	- N	None	o;	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	0		6.0	233
930	A-6	AFA-I	9	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	٠.		0.13	121
931	4-E	Santolene C	9:	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	en ;		8.9	011
325	4-Y	101ad 244	2	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	=		26.0	88
933	13-A	Tolad 244	2	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	8		0.57	121
7E 6	13-A	Tolad 244	12	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	_		8.	187
935	13-A	JP-7	0	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	0		 :	249
936	13-A	7-dC	0 (1-4208	A. C. Coarse	0		8:	216
33	₹-5	JFA-5 18 JF-/	20	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	2		0.12	781
938	13-A	JFA-5 in JP-7	œ	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	_		<u>\$</u>	157
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TABLE VI

PROCEDURE 13-A

AVERAGE SOLIDS CAPACITY OF AN I-4208 ELEMENT WITH VARIOUS ADDITIVES

Additive	Average Solids Capacity in Grams at 40 psi
None	484
FSII	470
Santolene C	232
DuPont AFA-1	286
NALCO 5400	284
Apollo PRI-19	214
Tolad 245	202
Tolad 244	264
Lubrizol	204

2. TEST PROCEDURE 13-J

This procedure is similar to 13-A except that fine A.C. Test Dust is used as a solid contaminant instead of Coarse A.C. Test Dust. (See Table IV). Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) had shown that with the maximum concentration of a corrosion inhibitor in the fuel, the element would not hold 200 grams of Fine A.C. Test Dust before a 40 psi pressure differential is reached (Reference 3). Run Nr. 939 (Table VII) was made without an additive and showed a solids capacity of 522 grams (261% of rated capacity). Two runs were then made on each of three corrosion inhibitor additives at the minimum concentration of 4 lbs/1000 bbls (Runs Nr. 940-945, Table VII). These runs showed solid capacities from 130 to 190 grams (65% to 95% of rated capacity). This indicates that a corrosion inhibitor will cause caking of the finer size particles with drastically reduced solids capacity of the element.

SPECIAL ELEMENTS FOR RED IRON OXIDE REMOVAL

Previous work by SwRI (Reference 3) and others has shown that filterseparator elements are not capable of removing red iron oxide from fuels containing corrosion inhibitors.

In the MIL-F-8901 Non-Additive Tests, Fisher I-116 red iron oxide is used. This finely divided red iron oxide can be removed from the non-additive fuel because the particles will agglomerate together into large particles which allows the filter-separator element to remove them. However, when a corrosion inhibitor is present, the particles will not agglomerate together and much of the red iron oxide will pass through the filter element. As the Air Force JP-4 fuel normally contains a fuel corrosion inhibitor additive, a previous program had evaluated special elements conforming to the MIL-F-52308 dimensions but with superior filtration performance (Reference 3). Pfizer R-9998 red iron oxide was chosen as the test contaminant because its particle sizing was closer to the iron oxide found in pipelines.

TABLE VII SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS - 20 GPM LOOP

RUN HR.	TEST PROCEDURE	ADDITIVE	CONCENTRATION LBS/1000 BBLS ELEMENT	ELEMENT	SOL ID CONTAMINANTS	MAX H ₂ 0	SOLIDS (MG/L) AVG. MAX.	() 3	* SOLTOS HOLDING CAP.
939	13-7	None	0	1-4208	I-4208 A. C. Fine	0	90.08	0.19	261
940	13-5	Santolene C	4	1-4208	A. C. Fine	_	0.00	0.0	98
2	13-7	Santolene C	4	1-4208	A. C. Fine	,	0.00	0.00	95
34	13-7	AFA-1	4	1-4208	A. C. Fine	2	0.58	1.51	7.3
36	13-3	AFA-1	4	1-4208	A. C. Fine	٣	2.48	8.14	11
24	13-7	0-2100	4	1-4208	A. C. Fine	٣	0.66	1.82	99
945	13-7	0-2100	4	1-4208	A. C. Fine	-	0.28	0.38	68
946	13-K	AFA-1	2	TE0-71	R-9998	15	0.08	0.26	234%
946	13-M	AFA-1	2	16-031	R-9998	89	0.05	0.14	161
950	13-M	Santolene C	12	TE0-71	R-9998	6	10.0	0.05	164

During a previous program, elements were procured from Bendix Filter Division, Keene (Bowser) Corporation and Velcon Filters, Inc. Both the Bendix and Keene elements were found to be about equal to the standard elements for removing RIO (Reference 3). The Velcon element identified as TE-497 was tested in this program in Runs Nr. 907 and 908 using the MIL-F-8901 inhibited fuel procedure except the test contaminant was Pfizer R-9998 (See Table VIII). These elements also allowed the solids to pass through. Velcon then furnished us with another element identified as TEO-71 which was 6-inches in diameter by 20-inches long. While this element is larger in diameter than the MIL-F-52308 element, they stated that this type could be made in the MIL-F-52308 size. Since the element was too large to use the DoD type water-separator canister which surrounds the element, the 8-inch diameter aluminum test housing was modified so that a 6-inch diameter x 10-inch long teflon-coated water-separator canister could be suspended above the element.

Five tests were run with the TEO-71 elements using R-9998 red iron oxide; three (Runs Nr. 946, 949, 950) (See Table VII) using Procedure 13-M which is similar to Procedure 13-A except that R-9998 is used as the solid contaminate instead of Coarse A.C. Dust; and two (Runs Nr. 952 and 953) (See Table VIII) with the MIL-F-8901 inhibited fuel test. In all tests using R-9998, the TEO-71 element reduced the solids content of the effluent fuel to below 0.5 mg/liter which meets the solids removal criteria of MIL-F-8901.

In summary, the Velcon TEO-71 element was shown to be capable of removing the R-9998 red iron oxide when fuel Corrosion inhibitors are present.

4. COALESCENCE TESTS WITH THE 1.3 GPM TEST LOOP

Ten MIL-I-25017 corrosion inhibitors were tested for effects on coalescence in the 1.3 gallon per minute small glass loop using the Bendix 057032 elements with 1% tap water from WPAFB as the contaminant. All inhibitors were first checked at their maximum allowable concentration and only three (Hitec E-515, Hitec E-534 and Conoco T-60) passed all the

TABLE VIII

SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS - 20 GPM LOOP

SON.	TEST PROCEDURE	ADDITIVE	CONCENTRATION LBS/1000 BBLS	ELEMENT	SOLID CON- TAMINANTS	MAX. H20 PPM	SOL IDS AVG.	(MG/L) MAX.	ING CAPACITY @ 40 psi AP	AP IN PSI
_					0.0000	ĺ	213	76 37	0	
	890)	AFA-	2	TE-49/	013 86.65-X	-	71.0	2:		
	1068	AFA-)	2	TE-497	R-9998 RIO	_	.83	74.11	0.61	;
	8901	AFA-1	2	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	_	0.53	7.07		0.4
	1088	AFA-1	2	1-4208	A. C. Coarse	m	0.55	0.93		7.6
	1068	Santolene C	9	I-4208	A. C. Coarse	<u>س</u>	0.03	0.12		23.5
_	8903	Santolene C	9	1-4208	A C. Coarse	e	0.03	0.12		31.2
	8901	None		1-4208	None	~				4.
	1068	Santolene C	21	150-71		6				10.5
	1st hr.	,	,			,				3.4.8
	1068	Santolene C	2	160-71		-				·
_	Ist hr.			-	2000		31.0	76 0		20
-	890)	Santolene C	21	- Feg- / 2	K-9998 KIO	>	9	۲.۵		2
_	2nd hr.	0 000	2	150-73	D_0000 DTO	c	0 10	0.24		37.5
_	7068	Santorene C	2,		047 0666-N	•	-			:

tests at this concentration. Tests were then conducted on the remaining additives at lower concentrations to try to determine a level at which the inhibitor would pass the coalescence test. Only one other additive, Apollo PRI-19, gave consistent passes at the lower concentrations tested. There were two passes each at concentrations of 3, 3.7 and 4 pounds per 1000 barrels; however, there also were two failures at the 4 pounds concentration. All concentrations above 4 pounds resulted in failures. The other five inhibitors all failed at and above their relative effective concentrations.

Several of the inhibitors induced very high pressure drops across the filter but there is no apparent correlation between pressure drop and the water removal ability. Table IX lists the data obtained on each run including water-separometer index modified (WSIM) and interfacial tension measurements (IFT's).

5. MIL-F-8901B INHIBITED FUEL TESTS

After the preliminary screening in the small glass loop, final evaluations of the corrosion inhibitors were conducted in the 20 gpm loop using the inhibited fuel test of MIL-F-8901B so that an evaluation could be made using both solids and water contamination. For these tests, DoD Standard (MIL-F-52308) filter elements qualified to MIL-F-8901B and manufactured by the Banner Engineering Corporation were obtained through Air Force supply.

The initial tests with these elements were conducted using 16 pounds per 1000 barrels of fuel of HITEC E-515 (Santolene C) which is the inhibitor used in the MIL-F-8901B qualification test. The first tests (Numbers 110 through 112 of Table X) all failed due to excessive water in the effluent fuel. Test 113 also failed using a MIL-F-8901B element from a different production batch. Test No. 114 was then made without an inhibitor and good coalescence performance was obtained with a Banner element. Test Numbers 115 and 116 were then conducted using a Keene element (600343) and a Velcon element (TE497), respectively, both resulting in poor coalescence performance. (See Table X).

TABLE IX

TEST RESULTS WITH THE 1.3 GPM LOOP

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IPT INHIB/ INJ. H ₂ 0	21.0 18.7 18.7	28.0 24.4 27.4 27.4	37.8 30.6 33.4 33.4	40.4 34.3 31.2 31.2
IPT INHIB.	38.5 41.7 37.8 37.6 37.6	39.9 4.05.4 4.05.4	37.7 36.7 37.7 32.4	40.9 36.8 40.7
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SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS - 20 GPM LOOP

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To determine if the corrosion inhibitor was at fault, a sample of Santolene C from the batch used in the original qualification tests on the elements was obtained from Ft. Belvoir; three consecutive coalescence failures occurred using three different elements (Test Numbers 117A, 117B, and 117C). MIL-F-8901B elements were also obtained from Bendix and the tests resulted in one marginal pass and one failure (Test Number 118 and 201). Since MIL-F-8901B qualified elements were consistently failing the MIL-F-8901B inhibited fuel test, a comparison test was run at Ft. Belvoir on a Banner element from one of the production lots that had failed on water removal at AFAPL. The results of this test were satisfactory with the only major differences between the AFAPL and Ft. Belvoir test being the tap water used as the test contaminant. The water at WPAFB is considerably harder with a higher pH than the Ft. Belvoir water and could cause a chemical reaction with the corrosion inhibitor. Two runs (202 and 203) were then made at AFAPL using the Banner elements, HITEC 515, and distilled water. Both tests were passes with good water coalescence and solids removal. (See Table X for these test results).

Starting with Run Nr. 204 (See Table XI) all eleven of the MIL-I-25017 corrosion inhibitors were tested using the inhibited fuel test of MIL-F-8901B with distilled water as the liquid test contaminant. The results are tabulated in Table XI. The test elements used were Bendix 045800-10, since there was not a sufficient quantity of the Banner elements to complete the testing. All the inhibitors passed the water removal part of the test using the pass/fail criteria of MIL-F-8901B (maximum free water allowed is 5 ppm when measured by the Turbidimeter). Water content of the effluent fuel was also measured using the Aqua-Glo Series II. Some individual readings were above 5 ppm, but the averages were all below 5 ppm.

The average solids content was below the limit of 0.5 mg per liter for all runs; however, on two runs (206 and 214), one solid sample exceeded the limit of 1 mg per liter for an individual sample. Since there were no visible solids on the Millipore pad and the remaining pads were well within the specification limits, the results of these pads were disregarded.

TABLE XI

MIL-F-8901B INHIBITED FUELS IN 20 GPM LOOP USING DISTILLED TEST WATER

			MAX	MAX H ₂ 0	н2С в	H2C BY AQUA GLO	<u> </u>	SOLIDS	IS4 40	SI		WSIM		FSII	H
ã,	SALULIUS V	CONCENTRATION	TURBIDOMETER	TOTAMETER	SE.	MAX AVG PPM PPM	MAX.	AVG.	INITIAL	MAX	BASE	PRE- TEST	POST- TEST	PRE- TEST	POST-
i i	AMMITTAE	200 000 /200					_								
707	H1tec 515	16	1.4	1.0	1.8	4.0 2.6	0.74	16.0 2	4.5	11.c	8;	%	8	0.141	0.004
83	Lubrizol 541	<u>«</u>	5.5	0.5	1.7	3.5 2.3	0.35	5 0.15	4.5	11.0	8	8	6	0.110	0.173
88	PRI-19	4	1.3	1.2	2.0	5.2 3.2	1.25	S C.20	6.0	15.5	86	8	8	0.146	0.053
202	Toled 245	7 1/2	1.8	1.5	3.5	7.6 4.0	0.08	8 0.01	7.0	12.3	300	8	%	0.148	0.054
88	Nalco 5400	7/2	6.0	0.7	2.5	5.5 3.9	0.75	91.0 5	4.3	18.5	86	88	66	0.169	0.054
8	Sonoco I-60	16	9.0	6.5	2.6	7.6 3.1	0.16	6 0.02	5.0	19.0	001	95	6	0.143	0.043
25	AFA-1	4 1/2	6.5	6.0	2.8	5.2 3.5	77.0	4 0.03	6.1	20.5	001	87	8	0.173	0.042
ส	Toled 244	4 1/2	0.5	0.2	1.7	2.8 2.1	0.12	2 0.02	4.3	16.5	66	63	-	0.143	0.046
777	DCI-4	60	0.7	0.3	2.0	5.0 2.5	0.23	3 0.07	5.8	18.8	86	88		0.140	0.050
23	Unicor J	80	0.5	0.3	1.8	6.0 3.4	0.18	80.08	8.7	18.5	700	83	7/	0.150	0,060
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TABLE XI (CONCLUDED)

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702	5.1,5	36.6	36.7	38.3	34.2	18.1	70.8	9.97	7.9	6.3	0.0	
88	72.0	37.4	37.7	38.2	37.3	22.9	8.69	52.3	5.8	5.8	7.0	185.3
902	7.57	36.5	33.9	37.3	32.6	28.7	59.8	56.3	6.5	6.2	0.0	175.5
202	7.57	32.5	33.4	37.0	34.5	19.1	71.1	42.5	6.1	6.3	0.0	190.8
88	0.97	30.0	32.0	31.5	30.1	17.5	68.5	8.17	6.5	9.9	0.0	207.0
502	7.57	39.7	39.2	37.76	34.4	27.6	6.07	57.3	7.3	7.6	0.0	185.2
97,	7.77	31.5	33.2	32.1	33.3	20.2	11.17	0.77	6.9	7.9	0.0	198.5
77	43.3	34.4	38.4	35.0	38.2	23.6	72.0	52.9	7.3	6.9	1.2	
ಷ	42.1	32.5	38.9	37.4	35.3	23.7	8.54	50.8	7.4	7.0	8.0	259.3
ध्य	8.04	39.9	37.3	37.6	30.5	27.2	67.7	56.8	7.3	7.1	39.8	198.2
717	42.6	37.8	39.3	39.6	37.1	20.2	71.5	48.2	8.2	7.5	9.6	140.2

Based on these test results, the MIL-I-25017 corrosion inhibitors, at the concentrations tested, seriously degrade the performance of filter separators when tested with WPAFB tap water but not when tested with distilled water.

SECTION V

CONCLUSIONS

Interactions may occur among fuel additives, the filter separator element, and fuel contaminants which affect the ability of the filter separator to remove the contamination.

Filter separator elements used by the Air Force are qualified to MIL-F-8901B and must pass various tests. However, these specification tests may not be truly representative of conditions that an element will encounter in the field.

The filter-separator elements are able to remove distilled water (i.e., rain or surface water) and up to a Type B medium hard water, such as that found at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, where qualification tests are run, from fuel containing additives. When a Type C hard water such as that found at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio is encountered, the filter element may or may not be able to remove the water depending on what interactions may occur among the element, water and additive.

Fuel corrosion inhibitor additives will affect the solids holding capacity of an element and can reduce it by as much as 50 percent. None of the presently qualified filter-separator elements will remove red iron oxide from the fuel containing a corrosion inhibitor; however, this capability is definitely within the state-of-the-art.

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The effects of fuel corrosion inhibitor	s on the coa	tescencing	These tests showed					
filter-separators were evaluated using a sm that corrosion inhibitors presently qualifi	ed to MTI =T=	.25017 dif	fored significantly					
in their deleterious effects on coalescence	when tested	l usina Wr	ight-Patterson AFB					
tap water as the free water contaminant.	Wildin Coolin	- 						
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Single element tests using DOD standard	filter-coal	lescer ele	ments and a 20 gpm					
test loop showed: (1) filtration performance	e is affecte	ed by the	type of solid					
contaminant used, the type and quantity of filter-coalescer element used; and (2) coal	corrosion ii	inibitor, o	an be significantly					
affected by the purity of free water (i.e.	dissolved so	nlide) whe	n the fuel contains					
a corrosion inhibitor and fuel system icing	inhibitor.	Jilas, wiic	Tone rue romania					
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